Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

## I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Al White with First Christian Church
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Aaron Hankins, and James Lienhoop were present.
- D. Tim Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the City Council meeting of February 5, 2013. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

Tim Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules of order to move Item A. under New Business to be heard prior to Unfinished Business. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed. Aaron Hankins voted nay.

### III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2013, RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1, ET. SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM." (Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing, Inc.) Chris Schilling, Communications and Program Director, along with Joe Kurdziel, Account Manager with Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg., Inc., and William Faulkner, with DuCharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc., presented this Resolution for tax abatement. Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing, Inc., is requesting a tax abatement in the amount of \$20,250,000.00 on personal property located at 5555 Inwood Drive, Columbus, Indiana. Potential projects include retooling for future product models and production of subassemblies for the South American market. Mr. Kurdziel explained the number of additional employees will be approximately 10 - 15 initially and that number could increase to a total of 50 new jobs. Mayor Brown commented that Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing, Inc. recently moved their North American headquarters from Irvine, California bringing approximately 80 - 100 new jobs to Columbus. Jim Lienhoop stated the Incentive Review Committee had meet prior to the meeting and found Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Jim Lienhoop made a motion to

approve the Resolution with the insertion of *ten (10) years* on page two of the Resolution. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed. Aaron Hankins voted nay.

#### II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2013, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1, ET. SEQ." (Tipton Park Offices, Inc.) Chris Schilling presented this Resolution for tax abatement. Brant Wright with Bose McKinney & Evans, William Becker, President of Tipton Park Offices, Inc. and Nolan Bingham, Architect, were present. Tipton Park Offices, Inc., requested a tax abatement on real property located at 123 Second Street, Columbus, Indiana, in conjunction with rehabilitation and enhancement of the property, both interior and exterior. A site plan was presented by a powerpoint display. The project investment is approximately \$2,900,000.00. Tipton Park Offices, Inc. has entered into a ten (10) year lease with Franciscan Alliance., Inc. Mr. Wright explained Franciscan Alliance, Inc. plans to create eight (8) jobs initially: two (2) physicians, five (5) medical assistants, and one (1) office manager. Four (4) additional jobs are anticipated with future growth. Discussion followed. Mayor Brown opened the meeting to public comment. County Commissioner Larry Klienhenz spoke on behalf of himself, Carl Lienhoop and Rick Flohr. Larry stated several other health care providers have not sought tax abatements due to an unwritten, unspoken understanding in the community that health services investments would not receive abatements. He expressed worry regarding the precedence set at this meeting regarding health care services abatements. Frank Jerome commented that this building is in an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and the other health care services Larry referred to were probably not in an ERA. Discussion followed about hospitals and tax exemption. Mayor Brown stated she is excited about the project, but agrees with Commissioner Klienhenz. She explained that granting a tax abatement for the development of an office park is not something that the city has done historically; tax abatements have been granted to primary employers, like Toyota. Their markets are national and global markets and physician offices are a local market. Mayor Brown further stated this creates an un-level playing field in the area and sets a troubling precedent for future physician complexes to ask for tax abatements. Much discussion followed. Jim Lienhoop stated the precedence is downtown development, in particular this location, not medical offices or professional practices. Phillip Swaim spoke. Public comment was closed. Frank Miller stated Tipton Park Offices, Inc. has requested a tax abatement on a building that has been an eyesore in our downtown since Goodyear Tire Company vacated the building. Frank Miller made a motion to approve the Resolution by granting a three (3) year tax abatement. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) in favor, one (1) opposed and two (2) abstaining. Aaron Hankins voted nay. Ryan Brand and Tim Shuffett abstained.

Councilman Bunch left the meeting at this time.

- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2013, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLOOD HAZARD AREA STANDARDS OF THE COLUMBUS & BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS." Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. Jeff displayed several floodplain maps of the City of Columbus and Bartholomew County. The Columbus and Bartholomew County Flood Regulations Study Committee's first recommendation is to prohibit development in the floodway. Jeff discussed locations this recommendation might affect. The second recommendation by the committee is that critical and flood-sensitive facilities would no longer be permitted in the floodplain, such as schools, hospitals, etc. The third recommendation is to limit new facilities that are considered potentially harmful to water quality and public health before being built in the floodplain. Those developments would be required to seek special approval from local government. The fourth recommendation is reducing some higher standards making it easier for individuals to rebuild or repair after flood damage. Susan Fye commented on the results of the committee. Phillip Swaim spoke. Discussion followed. Tom Heller spoke. Tim Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.
- C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 3, 2013, AMENDED FROM ORDINANCE NO. 41, 2012, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013." Jeff Logston, Director of Operations and Finance, presented this Ordinance. Jeff explained this involves personnel moves for two departments. The first is adding a position of Animal Care General Manager, amending the Manager position to Animal Care Enforcement Manager, and reducing the Officer number from four (4) to three (3). The next proposed salary ordinance change is the addition of a Public Safety Public Information Officer position within the Police Department. This position would take care of public information for both the Police Department and Fire Department. The headcount for the Public Information Officer in the Fire Department would be moved to Police Department, and increase their headcount by one. Tim Shuffett asked about other duties performed by the Fire Department Public Information Officer and who would take over those responsibilities. Jeff explained those duties will be redistributed within existing positions. Tim Shuffett asked how many current job openings there are in the Fire Department. Frank Miller suggested creating job descriptions for the current positions at the Fire Department, and then discuss changes to the department. Discussion followed. Mayor Brown opened the meeting for public comment. Gary Burriss, President of the Local 2190, Columbus Firefighters stated, if this ordinance is adopted, a line firefighter or uniform position would be lost. The responsibilities of the Public Information Officer include special training in plan review inspection, arson investigation, public education with Survive Alive House, and Tilly the fire truck. Dennis Brooks, Vice President of the Local 2190, who recently retired from the Fire Department, stated there are two additional retirees who have not been replaced; so many firefighters are having to work overtime. Dennis is concerned about safety. Matt Dwyer spoke. Discussion followed. Ryan Brand made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt this Ordinance. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) to two (2). Frank Miller and Aaron Hankins voted nay.

**D.** Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 4, 2013, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2013." Jeff Logston explained this Ordinance allows the transfer of funds from the Fire Department to the Police Department to accommodate the headcount movement for a total of \$65,361.00 in personal services. Discussion followed. Ryan Brand made a motion to approve the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Frank Miller voted nay.

#### III. New Business Requiring Council Action

B. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_, 2013, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2013." (Motor Vehicle Highway) Jeff Logston, along with Bryan Burton, Street/Recycling Supervisor, presented this ordinance. Jeff explained winter weather has reduced the city's supply of road salt and aggregates. Every time the city's snow force is dispatched it costs approximately \$23,000.00. An additional appropriation of \$125,000.00 should take care of any additional weather incidents this winter or potentially next winter (2013). Funds would be placed in the miscellaneous operating supplies category. Bryan stated the best case scenario would be to return \$75,000.00 of this appropriation at the end of the year. Discussion followed. Phillip Swaim and Tom Heller both spoke. Mayor Brown opened the meeting for public comment. No further public comment. Tim Shuffett made a motion to pass the first reading and place the ordinance in proper channels. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

## **IV. Other Business**

# A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports:

Frank Miller stated Bartholomew County Solid Waste will be discussing the finances of the landfill operations. And discussions on the contract for the landfill will start in March.

Frank Jerome reported the Aviation Committee has allotted \$1,000,000.00 for the new tower fund and are talking with the Cummins, Inc. Architectural Committee about selecting an architect. Mayor Brown explained the total project is estimated at \$4,500,000.00. Significant state and local contributions are needed. A meeting is to be scheduled with General Umbarger of Camp Atterbury to discuss \$1,000,000.00 from the National Guard toward the project. Mayor Brown will be asking Cummins, Inc. for \$300,000.00 to be applied toward the architect fees. The remaining balance of \$2.2 million will be requested from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

#### **B.** Discussion Items:

1.) Code of Conduct Resolution – Kelly Benjamin, City Attorney, explained she forwarded the Code of Conduct draft to Commissions and Boards and asked for comments. Responses were favorable. One comment received is on page one, fifth paragraph, to include language referring to past and present members serving on the council, board, commission, or committee. Discussion followed. Ryan Brand suggested a few days to review.

- 2.) Ethics Ordinance Kelly Benjamin stated she met with Ryan Brand and Frank Miller to discuss the document. Kelly presented the suggested changes and clarifications to the draft. Discussion followed. Council members recommended more time to review changes.
- C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **March 5**, **2013 at 6:00** o'clock **P.M.** in City Hall.
- D. Frank Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of six (6) to (0). The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus		